

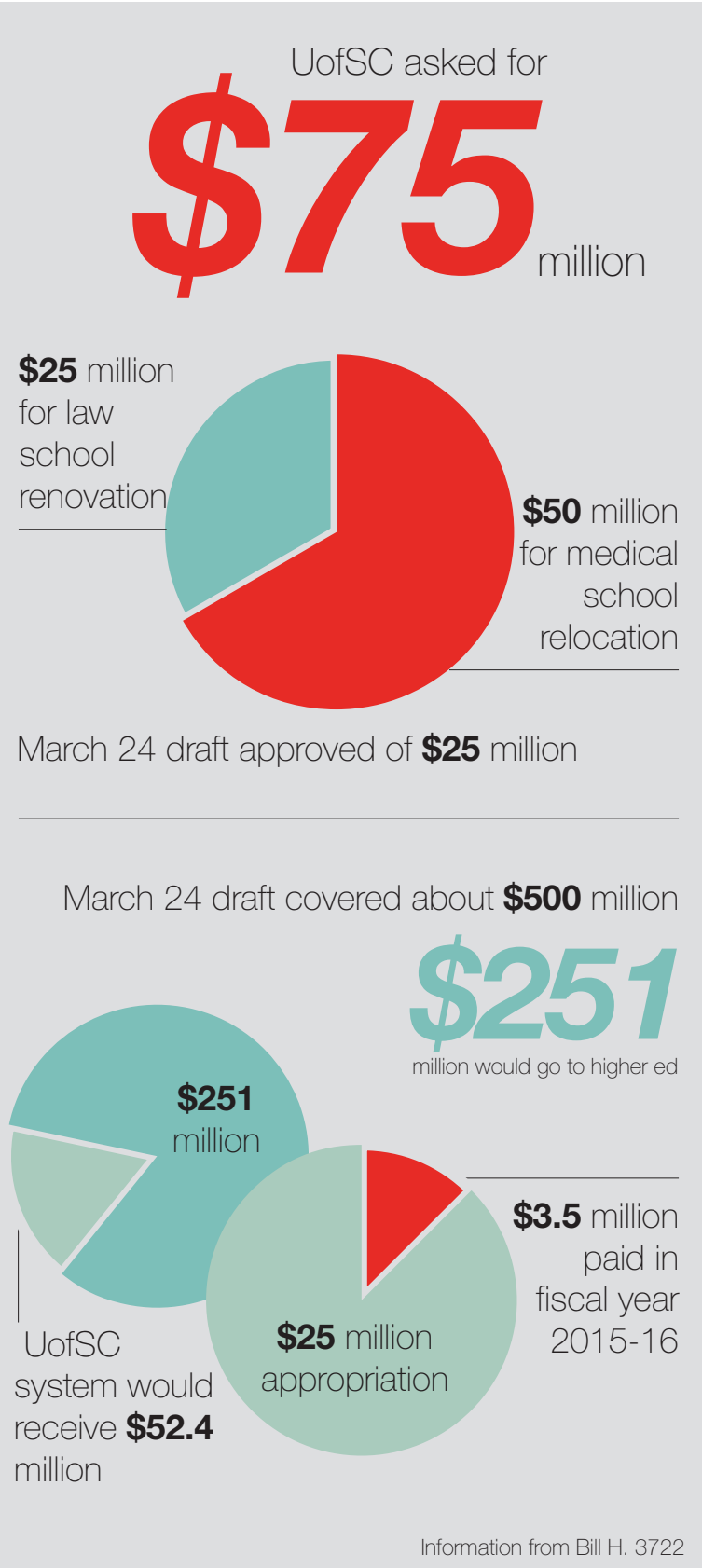
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# Lordo asks governor to rethink veto threat

Thom Barnes  
@SOMETHOMBARNES

A bond bill which would borrow around \$250 million to be used for state education renovation has been sent to the floor of the Statehouse. However, Gov. Henry McMaster has stated he would prefer to veto the bill in order to make room for a new bill which would give money to redesign South Carolina transportation infrastructure. The fact that the state has already more than doubled the infrastructure budget over the past seven years.

University President Harris Pastides and nine other S.C. college presidents sent McMaster a letter asking him to pass the bill as opposed to cutting it down. The governor’s office released a statement saying that the letter was appreciated but maintaining the same position in favor of infrastructure funding.

Student Body President Ross Lordo worked with students at USC and other state colleges, including Clemson and College of Charleston, to send a follow-up letter to McMaster once again asking him to pass the bill.

“We haven’t had a bond bill since the early 2000s,” Lordo said. “It’s been



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a really long time and, with that being said, our infrastructure within the institution has taken a hit in terms of facilities and upkeep and maintenance. Costs are continuing to grow to keep these buildings fit for students to learn in.”

The bill included a grant

of \$25 million to renovate the outgoing law school building.

Lordo also expressed hope for state assistance with USC’s planned medical building, funding

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DATES TO KNOW: *April*

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**Forse, a thesis exhibition**

*Inspired by a stay in Italy, Cody Unkart painted a series of everyday buildings.*

9 a.m. in McMaster College

**Walk/Bike City and Campus Celebration**

*Featuring remarks from University President Harris Pastides and Mayor Steve Benjamin.*

11:30 a.m. in front of Preston Hall

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**CommonHealth ACTION**

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10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Alumni Center

**“The Spirit of Romanticism”**

*Donald Portnoy is conducting his last concert with the University of South Carolina Symphony Orchestra*

7:30 p.m. at the Koger Center for the Arts

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**“The Corrections”**

*Jonathan Franzen is speaking about his award-winning novel “The Corrections” as part of the Open Book series*

6 to 7 p.m. in Hootie Johnson Hall

**Red Hot Chili Peppers**

*This highly anticipated show will feature openers BABYMETAL and Jack Irons. Tickets start at \$52.*

7 p.m. in Colonial Life Arena

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# Nuclear storage main focus of chem professor’s research

John Warrington  
@THEGAMECOCK

Associate dean for research and winner of the 2016 South Carolina Governor’s Award for Excellence in Scientific Research Dr. Hans-Conrad zur Loye and his students bring new solid-state materials into existence regularly. As an inorganic chemist, zur Loye’s research group focuses on developing better nuclear waste storage containers and making more efficient scintillators for neutron diffraction experiments.

When it comes to developing receptacles to store nuclear waste, zur Loye has to design a material able to withstand large amounts of radiation for over 10,000 years.

“You need to convince someone that it’s going to last for that time and so we think about what type of a structure would work,” he said. “[The radiation] can damage the material, over a week or a year that may not make a difference, but over 10,000 years ... it may cause problems.”

Common elements used in nuclear reactors can emit radiation steadily over their half-lives, some of which can be well over 20,000 years. In order to prove whether or not his newly synthesized materials can withstand this much radiation, zur Loye cleverly places isotopes with much shorter half-lives, some as short as one day, into his containers that will emit the same amount of radiation in just 10 days.

Much of this research is conducted with the Savannah River Site, a nuclear reservation in South Carolina owned by the U.S. Department of Energy. zur Loye estimates that it will take Savannah River over 30 years to finish disposing of its nuclear waste and he is trying to design material to significantly reduce this time.

The Hanford Site, located in Washington

state, has so much waste that it may take them over 100 years to get rid of it all. zur Loye was confident when he said that “if we can make something that can store more waste, in a safer fashion, then maybe it will only take 20 years or 30 years, which is much better than 100.”

Another large focus for the zur Loye group is the advancement of neutron detecting scintillators. These scintillators will help researchers, like zur Loye, better observe the atomic and magnetic structures of compounds in neutron diffraction experiments, allowing them to recreate and manufacture exact compounds more precisely.

These scintillators could also be used by Homeland Security to detect radiation.

“If someone brings a container and you want to know if there’s a nuclear material on the inside you would use a scintillating detector to see if any radiation is coming out. If we can make something that is easy to make, cheap, and very good, they would be interested,” zur Loye said.

zur Loye became interested in inorganic chemistry as an undergraduate at Brown University, and the thrill of discovery has kept him going ever since. He encourages undergraduates at USC to get involved as well.

“I think most students don’t even know they can do it. Or they think they have to have taken every class and you know it helps to have a good background but we’re teachers. That’s what we do,” he said.

He recommends looking through professor’s webpages, finding an area of research that interests you and “go in person to the professor; don’t send an email, actually show up at the door, maybe a few times to make sure you catch the person,” he says.



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IN BRIEF

“The president and his military team are aware of North Korea’s most recent unsuccessful missile launch. The president has no further comment.”



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— Defense secretary James Mattis on North Korea’s unsuccessful missile test Saturday

“First, you must apologize to the Chechen people for the disgusting nonsense that you spread.”



Courtesy of Tribune News Service

— Chechen minister Dzhambulat Umarov in response to an April 1 Novaya (Moscow) Gazeta report of gay men in Chechnya being arrested and tortured by authorities

“Sticks, pipes, poles and anything else that can be used for a ‘riot’ will be banned on Saturday April 15 at Civic Center Park in an effort to ensure the peaceful expression of free speech.”

— Friday press release by City of Berkeley, California, a day before local gatherings of pro- and anti-Trump demonstrators turned violent

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of which was absent from the draft of the bond bill that began to circulate on Mar. 23. Sixteen days before the draft was made public, Rep. Brian White (R-Anderson) announced that the forthcoming bond bill would not pay for any new university construction. “We really are in a situation where we have to make some changes with the medical school. The lease is coming up with [Veterans Affairs], so it actually would end up cheaper for us, in the long run, to relocate to the Palmetto Health complex,” Lordo said.

Currently, the USC School of Medicine leases land from the Dorn Veterans Affairs Medical Center on Garners Ferry Road. Plans were unveiled last January to move the campus to a USC-owned property near Palmetto Health Richland Hospital at a cost of \$200 million, \$50 million of which was to come from state lawmakers. Lordo said the money toward the medical school is going to impact the state and the economy in the long run. “The state is in need of physicians, and we need the investment to be able to educate those physicians and get the best doctors to want to go to school here and

then train them the best way that we can,” Lordo said. Without this bill, USC would still need to pay to move the medical school to the Palmetto Health facility due to the upcoming end of its lease. This cost means that all USC students will take the hit if this bill is vetoed, not just medical students. “This is a great opportunity for us to show our commitment to higher education in the state, our commitment to the future of South Carolina,” Lordo said.

— Mike Woodel also contributed to this article.

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# FROM GARBAGE TO ART



**Angie Mellor, founder and owner of limeGreen, has been a vendor at the Soda City Market for around seven years.**

**Shayla Nidever**  
@SHAYLA\_NIDEVER

Have you ever really just wanted a coaster made from old computer parts, or a piece of art made from floppy disks or old model animals? There's a place in the Soda City Market you might want to stop by next time you're there.

Angie Mellor, owner and operator of limeGreen, says she's been a vendor at the market for around seven years. Her company's motto is "creative ways to repurpose" and is definitely pulling through on that statement.

With everything from dog chew toys, air plants being held by plastic model animals, wall art made from floppy disks and cassettes, repurposed bottle caps and licenses, to old vinyl records you can use as picture frames, there is no lack of creativity at Mellor's booth.

Mellor got started a few years ago when she started making bags out of old T-shirts. What came next was both “a gift and a curse.” People now give her all kinds of things to make into reusable, creative items.

The most interesting thing she says she's done is with old newspapers, maps, phone books, and monopoly money. Mellor rolls these up and uses them as the outside of picture frames.

"The phone books are really cool because they look tech-y, and the dictionaries — no one is using these huge fat dictionaries that you get at estate sales," she said.

Another of the very unique things Mellor had at her stand were many little nick-knacks made from old technology. Floppy disks were used in many of the things she was selling, as well as old VHS tapes and other tech-y items.

"Everything is going online, so all the optical drives and floppies and beta drives are all just obsolete," Mellor said.

In this way, she is creatively reusing these items as they would usually just end up in a landfill somewhere.

Mellor is always ready to take on the challenge of yet another something to meddle with, but she donates items that still have some life left in them.

"Put a box in the corner for a month — anything you're not using or not gonna use, put it in that box and we'll pick it up," she said. "If it's something new and something that can be reused, like a coffee pot or something, we give it to Acts Metro, which they use it for their families. If it's something that's good, we make sure it goes to somebody who will use it."

If you ever want an odd gift or if you happen to have a box of unused items, limeGreen is the place to go.

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If you are a student at USC, it's almost impossible not to have seen at least one of David DeWeil's tweets on your timeline. DeWeil works at USC and most of his tweets encapsulate what it is to be a student here — his tweet during the Final Four, “Googling ‘where is Gongaza,’” was basically all of us. If you like dad humor and funny tweets about USC campus life, definitely follow DeWeil.

**CJ Lake, @cjlake**

CJ Lake is a social media strategist for USC, and while she needs to keep the tweets from the @UofSC account professional, her own feed is a different story. Follow Lake if you want to get a behind-the-scenes look into USC's social media and a few hilarious tweets that didn't quite make the cut for the university — like her tweets at the Twitter trolls she can't respond to officially.

**Chrissy Teigen, @chrissyteigen**

If you don't already follow Chrissy Teigen on Twitter, you need to. Not only is she hilarious, but she also claps back at haters like no other — she even made one of their tweets her header. She not only makes fun of herself in a relatable way, but she also replies to people about her life, issues and opinions. If you want to follow someone that can use 140 characters to make a joke or get real, Teigen is the one for you.

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# Review: ‘DAMN.’ addresses racial, political issues

**Release Date:** April 14

**Artist:** Kendrick Lamar

**Label:** Aftermath/Interscope (Top Dawg Entertainment)

**Duration:** 55 minutes

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Courtesy of Aftermath/Interscope (Top Dawg Entertainment)

**Grace Batton**  
@LIFE\_OF\_GRACE

Kendrick Lamar paints a poetic picture with his new album “DAMN.” by introducing a social commentary into his lyrics. His message throughout the album points out society’s flaws when it comes to protection of all people and offers insight into life growing up in an environment of violence and struggle.

Lamar seems to give at least some cultural commentary in each of his tracks, critiquing not only society’s racism, but also delving into the political realm. In the track “YAH,” Lamar sings, “Interviews wanna know my thoughts and opinions / Fox News wanna use my name for percentage.” This perhaps implies the irony that a news station asks for his perspective and intellectual insight but in actuality wants this information to simply increase ratings and make more money.

He also critiques ideas that contradict or deny the existence and prevalence of racism, such as

the notion that rap has had more negative influence on the youth than racism. This is spoken of in a sound sample in the track “DNA.”

In “YAH,” Lamar talks from the perspective of other African Americans he knows, saying things like, “I’m a Israelite, don’t call me black no mo’ / That word is only a color, it ain’t facts no mo’.” This lyric in and of itself is perhaps representative of Lamar’s theme of racial illiteracy and its tangled intersection with religion, false news and the media.

A notable aspect of this album is the contrast between Lamar’s boastful confidence and the underlying subtext of his doubt and fear. Lamar states himself that he’s wondering if he’s “livin’ through fear or livin’ through rap.” Despite all the confidence he exudes by rapping about his own success and telling others to be humble, he also mentions his self-doubt. In a way, this seems to reveal his rap lyrics that sound elitist and indifferent to haters are actually a guise to hide his lack of confidence in the world and

his success in it.

It appears that the emotions conveyed throughout the album are a reaction to the present political situation and the results of all our personal values being thrust together in society — what the world looks like based on what we’re believing and doing now.

The track “LOYALTY,” which features Rihanna, notes the confusion that comes from interaction of our individual value systems today, begging the question, “Tell me who you loyal to.” Lamar seems to suggest that our values have become off-kilter, especially in our volatile political environment. This is exemplified by society’s conflict over race-laden issues, such as the tense conversations that follow tragedies like the recent shootings of African-Americans by police officers.

Lamar also vacillates between exuding confidence in himself and criticizing the idealisms of the world that often tries to tear down his fellow African-Americans as well as his music. The track “PRIDE.”

states suitably that, “Race barriers make inferior of you and I.” He seems to ponder the possibility of a perfect world and what life would look like if he could design one.

Lamar engages in a bit of verbal irony with his track titles, using opposing concepts for pairs of track titles such as “HUMBLE.” and “PRIDE.” The conceptual tone that he sets with each of his tracks’ titles, which are all entirely capitalized and followed by a period, seems to be a form of abstract art, almost a free-flowing consciousness in which he reflects on what each of these concepts makes him feel and what they mean to him in the lyrics of each one.

Thought-provoking, experiential, inspiring and abstract, Lamar’s songs in “DAMN.” go a step beyond typical trending rap tracks to leave the listener questioning what kind of world we’re in — and whether we want to keep it the way it is.

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**Stephen Colbert,**  
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This account tweets the facts you never knew you needed to know — in fact, their bio states that they are “the most unimportant things you'll never need to know.” But, even though you'll never need to know them, they are a fun tidbit of information added to your feed, and could someday come in handy during a game of trivia. I recommend following Uber Facts if you are the type of person who likes fun facts and knowing useless information.

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# Attendance policies too strict



**Isabelle Carroll**  
First-year public relations student

On the Monday after Easter, the majority of the student body is back on campus and going to class. I’m not, however. Not because I don’t have class. Unfortunately, I have two Monday classes that I am missing. Classes that I can’t afford to take another unexcused absence from. However, when I asked if I could be excused due to travel after a religious holiday, I was told I could only be excused on the day of the actual holiday.

The university needs to be more mindful

of its out-of-state student population. Not all of us are lucky enough to be able to drive home for a religious holiday and make it back to campus the next morning. I am from Wisconsin and, quite frankly, it would be impossible for me to get back to Columbia in time for my 9:40 a.m. class on Monday. The only way I could make this class would be if I took a flight on Sunday, which is Easter Sunday itself.

Education is an important part of my life, and I hate that I am going to go over the unexcused absence limit in one of my classes because of my absences due to this weekend. But religion is an even more important part of my life. I am not going to sit alone in my dorm on what Catholics consider to be the most important religious day of the year because of a short-sighted excused absence policy.

On such an important holy day, I feel the need to be with my family and religious community.

I asked my professors if I could be excused from our class this Monday and was told I couldn’t because the university’s excused absence policy doesn’t take into account days of travel. I sympathize with these professors because it is not really their choice but the system that they are in. The university needs to revise its policies when it comes to religious holy days or else they could end up with students feeling discriminated against. I know that I am livid that my overall grade in one of my Monday classes may be dropped a half letter grade because of an absence due to religious reasons.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We precious little snowflakes had to retreat to our safe spaces April 10 when an opinion column in The Gamecock triggered us. The subject was the controversial Pepsi commercial, depicting the inexplicably famous Kendall Jenner solving the race crisis in America with the aid of a refreshing can of Pepsi.

While I and my snowflake brethren lick our wounds from the absolute smack-down that columnist Isabelle Carroll delivered to us, I would like to respond to the article, and explain to Ms. Carroll how right she was.

I’ve been to a couple protests. I have to apologize, because Pepsi absolutely nailed what it’s like. Happy people of all races coming together with signs that say “Join The Conversation.” Because that’s all we want. We just want a conversation!

I think that Pepsi really got to the heart of why protests are sometimes unsuccessful. They need beautiful people to lead them! Thank god Kendall Jenner was there to stride through the crowd and unite the two sides using the power of soda (make sure the label is facing out). All she needed was a random black person to give her a fist bump, which is the universal blessing that black people can bestow upon a white person.

Last of all, I’m glad Ms. Carroll was able to remind us what’s really important: “the real chaos going on in the Middle East.” That place is rough. Chaos everywhere! How could I forget? We single-minded snowflake people cannot possibly focus on more than one issue at a time. I’m glad that Ms. Carroll has been here to help us grow up.

—TJ Sullivan, second-year journalism student

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As the semester is drawing to a close and students are receiving their earned final grades, the time may be opportune to shed some light, once more, on the “grades” faculty receive in the form of course evaluations. While there are some issues with our university’s current online system, especially the lack of a centrally administered method to ensure participation, it would be good to remind us as members of an institute of higher learning that any private websites purporting to be of assistance by offering students the opportunity to rate their instructors should be treated with caution.

It has now been more than a dozen years since I first addressed some of the pitfalls of privately owned teacher review sites in The Gamecock, but very little has changed since. The problem is not just one of validity,

causing evaluations to be biased toward attracting only the most positive and most negative reviews, but also that even the most well-meaning reviews can provide a less than accurate picture of a course. Worse still, such for-profit sites do not operate on the basis of the educational criteria and high academic standards we hold dear in our university.

Just recently, for instance, I reported for removal a rating that was very positive but accidentally also misstated that the final exam in one of my own courses would be based only on the tests administered throughout the semester, which is decidedly not the case. Upon my reporting, however, the rating was not removed, because misstatements of fact, as it turned out, do not violate the site’s guidelines. Let that sink in, if you will.


Yet, as always, something can be done. As private review websites by definition lack

legitimacy, we should appeal to our own university to nullify the negative impact they may and surely do have. It strikes me as odd, in that context, that the summary statistics of our university’s evaluations are not made available to students. Those ratings are collected electronically and could therefore also easily be posted on the university website. Even during my graduate student days some twenty-odd years ago, such online reporting systems were already in place.

Until such a change is made, instructors can make their scores available on their webpages. But we can and should, as students and instructors alike, appeal to our university to make ours a better learning and teaching environment by offering clarity and transparency when we can.

—Dr. Matheiu Deflem, professor of sociology

# GOP should be scared of midterms



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The present is looking pretty good for the Grand Old Party. They control both houses of Congress, the presidency, 32 state legislatures and 33 governorships. It’s open season on regulations, states are allowed to withhold money from organizations that provide abortions and there’s a spry young conservative on the

Supreme Court. They’ve had some dust-ups, sure, like the humiliating failure of the Obamacare replacement bill and their attempt at gutting the ethics committee, but for the most part they’re sitting pretty right now with nice margins of control of every branch of government.

Their future, on the other hand, may not be so rosy.

President Trump is historically unpopular. And many of their present legislative priorities have been met with the same enthusiasm he is receiving — only 17 percent of voters wanted the American Health Care Act, only 31 percent want to defund

Planned Parenthood and only 39 percent actually support deregulating business. Factors like these could combine to make midterms a dicey time for the GOP, who, as the party of the incumbent president, are statistically likely to lose seats in the midterm even without Trump’s help and the help of their own undesirable agenda.

We see this in races like last week’s special election in KS-04 — a deep-red district where Trump won by 27 points. Last week, Republicans held onto the seat, previously occupied by now-CIA director Mike Pompeo, but did so by the skin of their teeth:

The Democrat lost by only seven points. In Illinois local elections, Democrats have been unseating Republicans. And this week, in Georgia’s sixth district, which has spawned both current Secretary of Health and Human Services Tom Price and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Democrat Jon Ossoff, who is polling at 45.3 percent in an 18-candidate field, will see how likely it is that Democrats claim that seat as well.

The 2016 elections were a benediction for Republicans in power. But with the way 2017 is shaping up, 2018 may not be so kind.

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1 Drop a line from the dock, say  
5 Normandy battle town  
9 Massage targets  
14 Together, musically  
15 Chips \_\_\_!: cookies  
16 Formal-sounding will?  
17 Friends of man's best friend  
19 Columbus craft  
20 For each one  
21 Diving lake bird  
22 Knight's title  
24 Sport involving some rolling on the grass  
28 QB-to-receiver six-pointer  
30 Rent-a-car giant  
31 Landed  
32 TV show shown before  
34 Banned bug spray  
37 Forgetting the unpleasant parts  
41 "Good" cholesterol initials  
42 Wishes  
43 Sitting on  
44 List of computer options  
45 "Movin' right along ..."  
47 Tidy sum that doesn't sound like much  
52 Overhead trains  
53 Steak order  
54 Contemporary radio station named for its former "easy listening" playlist  
56 Leaves out  
58 Highway segment for slower traffic ... and, literally, what 17-, 24-, 37- and 47-Across each has  
61 Used up  
62 "So THAT'S what you mean"  
63 Physics particle  
64 Bacon work  
65 Lysol target  
66 Drive-\_\_\_ window

**DOWN**

1 Craze  
2 Knot-tying words  
3 Drug test placebo  
4 Beatles' second film  
5 File-renaming command, at times  
6 "Supernatural" network  
7 Oscar winner Sophia  
8 Kvetching cries  
9 Nile snake  
10 Flu symptoms  
11 Asian capital  
12 "Tiny Dancer" singer John  
13 Much street talk  
18 Many Rembrandts  
22 Squirrel away  
23 Loafed  
25 Exposes  
26 Reproductive cell  
27 Cellular reds and whites  
29 Gobbled down  
32 Tear to pieces  
33 New Year's \_\_\_  
34 "Duh ... figure it out!"  
35 Slobber  
36 Printing goofs

38 Newscaster Huntley  
39 Broadway award  
40 Possibly will  
44 Medit. volcano  
45 Song before the game  
46 Vladivostok veto  
47 Narrative writing  
48 Boat launching aids  
49 Great Lakes natives  
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51 Algeria neighbor

55 London apartment  
57 Muddy pen  
58 Fix, as a fight  
59 Neither here \_\_\_ there  
60 Down Under bird

**Aries**  
Disciplined action toward a professional dream pays off. Make an important connection. Do the homework. Build your structure, brick by brick. Fulfill a fantasy.

**Taurus**  
Stir creative imagination into your research. Meditate on what you're learning. Explore your subject. Sing the praises of others who inspire you.

**Gemini**  
Discuss shared finances. Take responsibility as needed. Keep your objective in mind. You're gaining stability. Friends have good advice. Profit from another's expertise.

**Cancer**  
Dream a little dream with a partner. Invent a new possibility in conversation and negotiate to refine the plan. Don't worry that you don't know how.

**Leo**  
Get your body moving. Physical effort pays off. Dreams get realized with steady, persistent action. Build to a comfortable momentum and rhythm for endurance.

**Virgo**  
Follow a passion or dream. You have the emotional support. Use your connections. Find ways to weave your interests into daily routines. Practice your arts.

**Libra**  
Make necessary domestic changes. Home and family have your attention. Draw up your fantasies, and talk it over. Divide efforts on common priorities.

**Scorpio**  
Words come easily. An elder sets the tone. Take notes, and articulate a vision. Edit for clarity and precision. Everyone's on the same page.

**Sagittarius**  
Investigate options. Business is booming; could you expand your territory? A connection could use the win-win situation you envision. Link up for mutual gain.

**Capricorn**  
Take charge for what you want. Dress the part, and use the right tools for the job. Strengthen your infrastructure. Build out your vision.

**Aquarius**  
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For the first time in 15 years, South Carolina softball defeated the top-ranked team in the country with Friday’s 7-2 victory over No.1/2 Florida State. “This is a signature win,” said head coach Beverly Smith after the win. “Florida State is an outstanding opponent, but this is who you have to beat to achieve the goals this team has been talking about this year.” The last time South Carolina defeated the No. 1 team in the country was in the first championship game of the 2002 NCAA regional where they defeated UCLA. For the Gamecocks,

this win could become a season-defining win. With 2-11 record against ranked opponents heading into the game, including 1-8 against top-ten ranked teams, this win over the Seminoles showed that South Carolina can compete against the top competition in the country. And as they look to return to the NCAA tournament for the fifth-straight year, that type of win may have been needed. South Carolina has improved upon its win total and NCAA RPI finish each of the last four seasons. In 2016, they finished with a 38-23 record, an RPI of 24 and a visit to the regional finals. Yet besting that and continuing on four

years of growth seems challenging at this point of the season. With the win over the Seminoles, South Carolina improved to 25-17 and the 22nd-best RPI in the nation with 12 games remaining on the schedule. Of these 12 games, 10 are against teams ranked in the top-20. The win over Florida State could give them the momentum needed to make a late season run against these higher ranked teams, and continue building upon the success of recent years. And despite a loss to the Seminoles Saturday in the second game of the series, much can be taken from Friday’s win.

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at Lake Howell High School in 2016, he hit .395 with 19 runs scored and 17 RBI. The ambidextrous thrower was also rated the No. 1 freshman in the SEC by Baseball America and D1Baseball.com prior to the start of the season. “He’s always been a gifted hitter,” Holbrook said Sunday. “He came here to camp when he was in eighth grade and he was hitting them in the street. He’s just swinging the way he’s capable of. He’s not trying to put too

much pressure on himself and he knows he’s going to be in there every day and maybe that helps, too. You’re seeing what kind of hitter he is.” At the beginning of this season, Cortes wasn’t an automatic starter in Holbrook’s frequently-changing lineup, but was worked in more as his confidence progressed. He’s started nine conference games so far and has compiled 17 RBIs on 22 hits this season. While he provided all of the Gamecocks’ offense on Saturday and has a typical slugger’s


body type at 5-foot-7 and 195 pounds, Cortes is more than just a good hitter, according to Holbrook. “He doesn’t get enough credit for the type of baseball player he is,” Holbrook said. “I’m mad at myself for not having him in there and sticking with him when he was struggling a little bit early in the year, because he’s a gifted player.” “The game comes easy to him and he thinks it every step of the way. He’s got great instincts when it comes to the game of baseball.”

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his record time. He spoke to how Frye arranged the race to have David Winters, Georgia’s top sprinter, on his outside so that he could see Winters the whole race. He said he knew that if he just stayed with Winter’s pace, then Winters would push him to a good time and that

he had “just enough in the tank” to pull away from Winters in the last 100 meters of the race. After the race, Titi was still struggling to comprehend how fast he had just won. “I was really surprised by the time,” Titi said through a half smile. “Really surprised.” Yet even after setting a school record, Titi is

convinced that this will not be the highlight of his season. “I think that this, being my opener, I can definitely go faster next week,” Titi said to reporters after the race. South Carolina men’s track and field will compete again April 22 at the USC Open in Columbia.



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Cortes provides hope for struggling Gamecocks

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After dropping three consecutive SEC series and losing six of its last 10 games, the South Carolina baseball team (22-13, 8-7 SEC) is searching for answers.

But one young Gamecock player — freshman Carlos Cortes — is giving the team a glimmer of hope in one of its darkest times this season.

The outfielder from Oviedo, Florida, is batting .293 and accounted for five runs in the Gamecocks’ series with Mississippi State over the weekend.

“I’m just looking for pitches to drive and I’m capitalizing on the opportunities that I’m getting right now,” Cortes said. “I just come out here every day, working hard, not really expecting stuff out of me. Just trying to see results pretty much.”

In Saturday’s 5-4 loss to the Bulldogs, Cortes scored all four runs for the Gamecocks with two two-run homers. With Jacob Olson on first, Cortes went yard to right field in the third inning for the first two runs of the game. He did it again

with one out in the bottom of the ninth, putting the Gamecocks within one run and giving them a chance to salvage the series.

The team fell short, as Matt Williams flew out and Alex Destino grounded out to end the game. But Cortes’ offense at the top of the lineup was promising to head coach Chad Holbrook.

“Carlos obviously had a great day, but we need more than just Carlos,” Holbrook said of Cortes, who batted second as a designated hitter in the lineup Saturday.

“They gave us some really good bats at the top of the lineup. Easily, some guys, the bottom will feed off of that. They do a good job of trying to set the tone.”

The left-handed batter scored the first run in South Carolina’s 6-1 win on Sunday by hitting a solo homer to right field in the sixth. He also drew a walk in the eighth inning and was scored on LT Tolbert’s two-RBI single up the middle.

Cortes came into the 2017 season with an array of accolades from his high-school career. As a senior

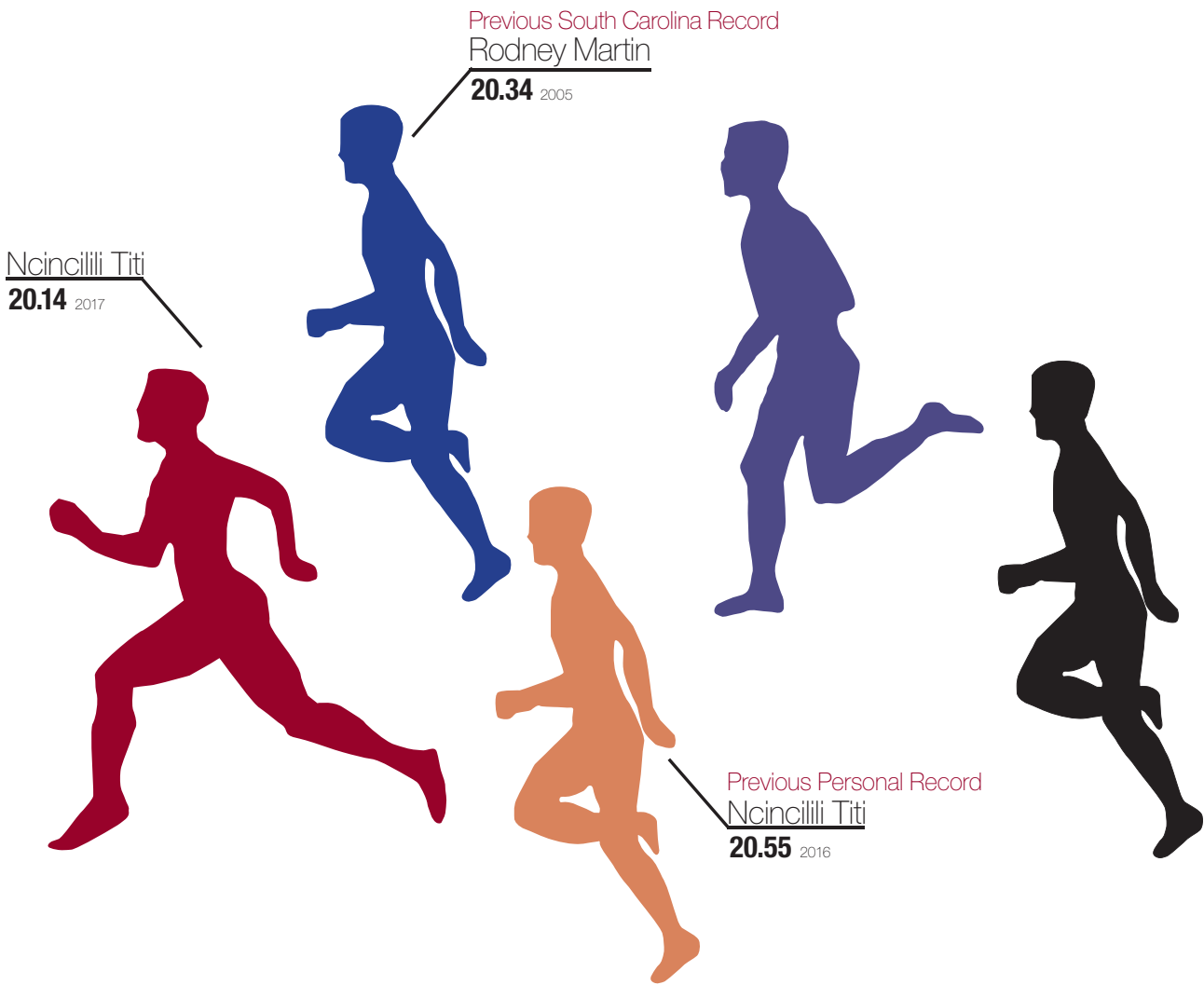
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Former Gamecock golfer wins RBC Heritage

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A former member of the South Carolina golf team won the RBC Heritage Sunday.

Wesley Bryan, who played for South Carolina from 2008-2012, won the Heritage by one stroke. This victory is Bryan’s first PGA Tour win in his career.

With the victory, Bryan takes home a purse of \$1.17 million and beat out players such as Luke Donald, Jason Dufner and Jim Furyk, who have combined for 26 career PGA Tour victories alone.

At South Carolina, Bryan was named the team MVP for his senior season and finished sixth in school history career stroke averages. In his senior season, he was the team’s No.1 player in 11 of their 12 matches and finished 17th in the SEC with 72.47 stroke average. Bryan finished 13th in the SEC Championship in his senior season.

Bryan now has a FedEx Cup ranking of 59 after finishing the 2016 season with a ranking of 196.

The RBC Heritage classic took place in Hilton Head, South Carolina. It is South Carolina’s only PGA Tournament.

Titi breaks school record in 200-meter dash

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Ncincilili Titi, a sprinter on the University of South Carolina track team, set a school record in the 200 meter at the Gamecock Invitational on Saturday.

Titi’s time of 20.14 seconds bested the previous record of 20.34 set by Rodney Martin in 2005. He now holds the NCAA’s fastest 200 time of the season and the third fastest time in the world

this year.

“Titi’s time of 20.14 is the fastest sea-level time I have ever coached,” said head coach Curtis Fry, who has coached at South Carolina for 21 seasons. “I am pleased with him.”

With his time in the 200 meter, Titi bested his own personal record of 20.55 from the regionals finals last outdoor season. Now, after Saturday’s performance, he is only 0.2 seconds off having the top time in the world for this

year.

One reporter mentioned to Titi that he now had the third fastest time in the world. A smile slid across his face as he recoiled in disbelief from the microphone, and incredulously he interrupted, saying, “Third fastest in the world? Oh, nice!”

Titi described what occurred in the race that contributed to him running

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